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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAY & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Canton, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow, HEDDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—F. D. SARSON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BELLIS, Esq. ADAM LIND, Esq.
E. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.
Hon. W. K. LEWIS.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF Interest allowed on Deposits.

At 3 months notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF Interest ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH AND DEED BOXES.
RODGERS & Sons' Celebrated CUTLERY.
MAPPIN BROS.' GENTS' DRESSING CASES.
WATERBURY & De La Rue's STATIONERY.
BILLIARD CLOTHS, and BILLIARD CHALK.
BILLIARD CUE CEMENT and TIPS.
TABLE GLASSWARE and CROCKERY.
BRUSH-WARE of all Kinds.
ALBUMS.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS.
MALT.
CARBOLIC ACID.
CAUSTIC SODA.
CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S
CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD STORES.

California SODA CRACKERS.
Family BIG BREAD in kegs.
Compressed CORNED BEEF.
Compressed OX TONGUES.
Compressed HAM.
BARCELONA and
PEA NUTS, &c., &c., &c.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY, NOYEAU, and JUICE.
French JAMS and JELLIES.
"O. K." BOURBON WHISKEY (Bottled by L. A. & Co.)
Bass's ALE, in pints and qts., bottled by Cameron and Saunders.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burke.
BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Kilderkins and Hhds.
CLARET, in Cask.

—do, —do, —do.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.,
Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves).
CUT LOAF SUGAR.
CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent).
CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lb.
Fine WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lb.
Medium WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lb.
Fine YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lb.
COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/2 lb.
GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.
SPIRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.
RUM, 45°, 50°, O. P., and Naval.
ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.
AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.
BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).
ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER, CHINA SUGAR REFINING Co., LIMITED, East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

FOR SALE.
COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.
Apply to
GAS COMPANY,
West Point.
Hongkong, June 19, 1878.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been authorized to sign our Firm's Procuration.
HESSE & Co.
Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.
J. INGLIS & Co.
Hongkong, June 15, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S RIDING WHIPS.
CARBOLIC ACID, the best disinfectant.
PORCELAIN ICE PITCHERS.
KEILMAN'S DUNDEE MARMALADE.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
VEYRON'S CAFETERRES.
CURRIER and ADER'S CLARETS.
Bass's ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.
French JAMS.
Scotch OATMEAL.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN-GRASS SEED.
TEA TASTER'S CUPS, POTS, SCALES and TIME GLASSES.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
French SUMMER SHOES.
CHRISTY'S HATS.
Bass's ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.
PEARL TOILET SOAP.
English HAMS.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
SPARKLING BURGUNDY.

CHOICE PORT for Invalids.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
CURAÇAO, MARASCHINO, and CHARTREUSE.
HENDRIKS' PERFUMERY.
Bass's ALE, by Foster, highly recommended for purity, and the extreme Care used in Bottling.

Hongkong, July 17, 1878.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of August next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd, to THURSDAY, the 15th August next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN OF 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that the DEFINITIVE BONDS of the above LOAN are now Ready, and can be obtained at the Office of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Exchange for the Provisional Certificate issued in Hongkong.

All BONDS not applied for before 31st of August next, will be Returned to the London Office of the Corporation, where they can be had on Application.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3%, or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next, the 26th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 24, 1878.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1877, in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned have been temporarily REMOVED to the Premises in DUDDELL STREET, formerly occupied by Messrs NORRIS & Co.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Club Chambers, on TUESDAY, August 20th, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th August, both days included.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to intimate that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to Receive Patients at No. 7, ABUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, July 4, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.

Apply to
D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 2nd August, 1878, at Noon,—
DINNER, Soup, Dessert and Cheese Plates, Vegetable Dishes, Chambers with Covers, Scrubbing Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Sun Hats, Shanghai Bath Tubs, Morton's Sauces and Mustard.

An Assorted Invoice of PERFUMERY, comprising: Bay Rum, Toilet Cream, Assorted Perfumes, &c., &c.

Also,
(In Fine Condition.)
20 Casks FINE Ind Coopers' well-known ALE.

And, more or less damaged,
38 Cases QUARTS, and 5 Cases PINTS, Bass's ALE, bottled by Foster.

—do, —do, —do.
Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 6th August, 1878, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—
A Small Selection of CHINESE and JAPANESE CURIOS, the Property of a well-known Collector.

Consisting of: Old Porcelain Vases, Dishes, Plates, &c., &c. A fine selection of Chin-chew Ware, including some unique Specimens, Bronzes, Nitchkis, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole will be on view on and after Monday, the 5th August.

Terms of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 7th August, 1878, at 11 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard,—
Sundry Condemned Naval and Victualling STORES, comprising:—
Old Wrought Iron, Hoses, Glass, Rags, Boots, Biscuit Dust, Chocolate, Peas, Tobacco.

Flannel, Duck, Serge, Shoes.
Library Books, Implements, etc., etc.

And,
1 Iron Lathe.

Terms of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, at Noon, on

TUESDAY,

the 20th of August next,—
All the VALUABLE LAND, HOUSES, &c., &c., situated at the Port of TAMSUI, FORMOSA, and known as the PAU-SHUN PROPERTY, in TWO LOTS.

Lot 1 Consisting of GODOWNS, DWELLING HOUSE, GARDENS, STABLING &c., &c.

Lot 2 a plot of UPLAND GROUND very suitable for building purposes.

For particulars of property, and terms of sale, apply to
ELLES & Co.,
Tamsui.

Tamsui, 26th July, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

MONTHLY LINE.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, (TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE USUAL PORTS.)

The Australasian Steam Navigation Co.'s Chartered Steamship
"CHARLTON,"
Jno. JOHNSON, Commander, will be despatched as above on the 3rd Proximo, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 18, 1878.

FOR FOCHOW (DIRECT.)
The Steamer
"ARGENTINO"
will be despatched on the 3rd Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
TURNER & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"NORMANBY"
will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 13th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HOGO.

The British Steamer
"CITY OF SANTAGO,"
shortly expected from SINGAPORE, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TANIS,"
Commandant LA MARELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"DJEMNAH,"
Commandant MORGE, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)
The Spanish Steamer
"PARAGUA,"
GIL, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, July 20, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The British Steamer
"MADRAS,"
Capt. RICHARDSON, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply

Notices to Consignees.

DANISH STEAMER NORDEN,
BOYSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG
AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and stored at
their risk in the Godowns of the Under-
signed, from whence delivery may be ob-
tained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of
their Goods from the Boats alongside the
Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 6th
August next will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
written notice to the contrary is given before
To-morrow, the 30th Instant, at 10 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. au5

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH SHIP BERTIE
BIGELOW, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. au5

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Under-signed for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. DU POUVEY,
Agent.

TH 1644, Mr. L. Thevenin, from
1 case Ink,..... Marcellis.

Ex "Pai Ho,"
B No. 419/21 Order, 16 Cases, from
Wine,..... Marcellis.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

To Let.

TO LET.

A THREE-STORY DWELLING
HOUSE, No. 113, Queen's Road
East (Spring Garden). Water laid on.

Apply to
D. NOWROJEE,
HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers,
The BUNGALOW, No. 24, Gage St.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,

Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East—
HOUSE No. 2, Praya East. The base-
ment, together with First
Floor, or separate if de-
sired, with possession on
the 1st July.

HOUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole
House or in Flats, with
possession on the 1st of
August.

As also,

The DWELLING House to the Eastward
of Pier at Wanchai. May be had as an
entire Dwelling or in Apartments of two
or three Rooms to suit convenience, with
immediate possession. Fine spacious Ver-
andah looking on to Harbour.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.

For particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, June 21, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central,
with Godowns attached.
Houses No. 2, and 9, Seymour Terrace.

DAVID BASSON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNIE LOWRY, British barque, Captain
B. Galea, Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

KATE TATHAM, British barque, Captain
Fitzthum, Birley & Co.

JANE PIERCE, French bark, Captain
Legasse, Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ATHENS, British barque, Captain Alex.
Findlay, Captain.

MARY BLAIR, British barque, Captain
James Riddle, O. & O. S. Co.

LOUIS MOORE, American barque, Capt.
C. S. Hudson, Arnold, Earberg & Co.

PORTENAY, British ship, Capt. G. B.
Taylor, Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

KJOSERHATV, Danish steamer, Capt. L.
O. Grove, Siemens & Co.

RAJAWATTANCHAR, British ship, Capt.
G. T. Hopkins, Yuen Fat Hong.

BERTIE BIGELOW, British ship, Captain
Ferguson, Meyer & Co.

COPIERHATV, British barque, Captain J.
Jones, Olyphant & Co.

HAWAII, British barque, Captain G.
Mack, Captain.

For Sale.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I.
and II., A to M, with introduction. Royal
8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EYER,
Ph.D., Tübingen.
Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS
AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
Under-signed in the Chinese Mail,
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),
CREATED from the 1st August, 1877, but
Debts prior to that Date will be received
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
the services of Mr. LEONG YOCK CHUEN,
as Translator and General Manager of the
newspaper, which under his new regime
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-
cellent medium for advertising, especially
as the Manager is able to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM.

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship
"STRATHLEVEN"
Captain PEARSON, will be de-
parted for the above Port
on SATURDAY, the 3rd Instant, at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVIS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au5

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Strathleven having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are informed that their Goods are
being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Under-signed, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be ob-
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
2 p.m., on Thursday, 1st Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
10th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVIS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au5

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship
"YESSO,"
Capt. S. ASHTON, will be de-
parted for the above Ports,
on SUNDAY, the 4th Inst., at 10 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au5

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the
Under-signed with a List of their Contri-
butions for the year ending 31st December
last, in order that the proportion of the Net
Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be
arranged. Returns not rendered prior to
the 31st October next will be adjusted by
the Company, and no claims or altera-
tions will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. nol

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

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tions will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. nol

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Candidates should send in their Names to
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Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au5

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POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT.

GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT
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AND
PROFESSOR W. M. FAY,
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MISS DAISY SILVESTER.

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A local Amateur, will perform Three
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"THE FLYING BIRD CAGE,"
"THE DISSOLVING EGG,"
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During the Seance the Musical Instru-
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may see the various move-
ments that take
place.

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THE VOYAGE OF THE "SERAPIS"

S O N G.
"TELL ME MY HEART" MADAME SILVESTER.

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Admission:.....ONE DOLLAR.
To all Parts, except
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Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 31, Strathleven, British steamer,
1558, Pearson, London July 15, via ports
of call, and Singapore July 28, General.
Davis & Co.

July 31, Ballona, German steamer, 789,
Ahrens, Saigon July 27, Salt and Rice.
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.

Aug. 1, Fungching, Chinese steamer,
from Canton.

Aug. 1, Corrientes, British barque, 608,
J. Jones, Newcastle (N.S.W.) May 30,
Coal.—Olyraux & Co.

Aug. 1, Hawthorn, British barque, 208,
C. Mead, Kurasshe June 6, Cotton.—
CAPTAIN.

Aug. 1, Moneta, British barque, 621, C.
H. Bisset, Newcastle (N.S.W.) June 11,
Coal.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

Aug. 1, Conquest, British steamer, 317,
Scott, Haiphong July 28, and Holkow 31,
General.—Kwong LEE YUEN.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 1, Thungalla, for New York.

Aug. 1, Sea Gull, for London.

Aug. 1, Louis Eugene, for Kobe.

Aug. 1, Fridrich, for Guam.

Aug. 1, Minna, for Keelung.

Aug. 1, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

Aug. 1, Nyassa, for London.

Aug. 1, Klobenka, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Fair Leader, for Yokohama.

Songay, for Iloilo.

Julie, for Oahu.

Rebecca, for Whampoa.

Jean Pierre, for Honolulu.

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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Strathleven, from London, &c., Mr.
Dunlop, and 300 Chinese.

Per Ballona, from Saigon, Mr. Stevens,
and 124 Chinese.

Per Conquest, from Haiphong and Hol-
kow, 43 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Douglas, for Foochow, Major Garton;
for Amoy, one Sister of Charity; for Swa-
tow, one Chinese Cabin; for Coast Ports,
350 Chinese.

Per Sea Gull, for London, 2 Distressed
Seamen.

To DEPART.

Per Jean Pierre, for Honolulu, 20 Chi-
nese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Strathleven reports:
Fine weather with light head winds.

The German steamer Ballona reports:
Calms and light variable winds through-
out the passage.

The British barque Hawthorn reports:
Light variable winds and calms through-
out.

The British barque Moneta reports:
Light winds nearly the whole passage and
had no S.W. monsoon. Anchored for 3
days at Lamma Islands, becalmed.

The British steamer Conquest reports:
Left Haiphong at 8 a.m. on 28th July, and
Hoikow at 4.30 a.m. 31st, and arrived in
Hongkong at 5 p.m. 1st inst.; throughout
the passage moderate Easterly winds and
fine weather.

CARGO.

Per Zambesi, sailed 27th July, 1878:—
For London: from Canton, 14,039 boxes,
containing 47,965 lbs. Congou, 150,866 lbs.
So. Cape, 93,801 lbs. So. Or. Pekoe; 50
bales Silk, and 15 cases Silk Piece Goods;
from Shanghai, 4,274 boxes, 11,203 half-
cheats, and 49 pkts. Tea, 529 bales Silk,
and 68 bales Waste Silk; from Hankow,
267 half-cheats and 195 chests Tea; from
Japan, 350 half-cheats Tea, and 68 bales
Silk.—For Continent: from Canton, 180
bales Silk, and 40 bales Punjun Silk; from
Shanghai, 81 bales Silk; from Japan, 7
bales Silk, and 4 bales Waste Silk.

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the official assignee, and Mr Haylar, instructed by Mr Brereton, for the defendant.

The Band 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer's Mess, to-morrow night, commencing at 9.15 p.m.:

Quadrille,.....Herald,.....Strauss.
Overture,.....Mirella,.....Gounod.
Selection,.....Scotch,.....Cavallini.
Valse,.....Morgenblätter,.....Strauss.
Selection,.....Trial by Jury,.....Sullivan.
Galop,.....Il Corricolo,.....D. de Gran.
Mr J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.

THERE have been no less than 1,400 summonses issued for obstruction and nuisance this year, and the cry is still they come. The Magistrates have a great deal to do in hearing the complaints brought against persons charged with these offences, much to the hindrance of what might be termed the more criminal business of the Court. The obstructive and nuisance cases are filed in before the Magistrate in rows of five or six at a time, and their particular offence is then hurriedly related by the Inspector charging them. Fines of 10 cents and 25 cents are inflicted in most cases, the consequence being that some of the men's faces are as familiar in the Police Court as Mr May's. A wholesome fine of \$5 or \$10, or in some cases even larger amounts, would, we think, soon enable the Government to report a more satisfactory state of things in Queen's Road, Praya and China Town.

An act of honesty was brought to the notice of Mr Creagh, the sitting Magistrate, to-day. It appears that a licensed chair-coolie (No. 714) carried a drunken man to one of the Hotels in the Colony, and after the man had left, the coolie found a gold watch lying at the bottom of the chair. He immediately entered the hotel and handed the watch to the proprietor. Mr Creagh said he was very glad that the matter had been brought to his notice; the coolie's behaviour was most commendable; he would note the fact on the man's license and would give him \$2 from his private purse as a token of approbation. He (Mr Creagh) was at a loss to know how he should allow the coolie any substantial reward otherwise. We think that this man ought at least to get a free license for life.

His Lordship the Acting Chief Justice Snowden delivered judgment to-day in the case of Nicholl v. Pustan, which was heard last week. The facts of the case are no doubt fresh in the minds of our readers. The plaintiff, who is or was the master of the British barque *Moss Glen*, sought to recover from the defendants' firm (Messrs Wm. Pustan & Co.) the sum of \$1000 for breach of contract, in that they did not carry out a charter which they entered into with the plaintiff. Plaintiff estimated the amount of damages roughly to cover demurrage, labour in removing ballast, brokerage, wages of new Captain, and his inability now to obtain freight there being nothing offering at present. The defendants denied liability on the grounds that the vessel was unable to carry the amount of cargo which it had been asserted she could do, that she was not a good risk, and that in fact the Charter Party or memo. of Charter Party had never been signed.

His Lordship ruled that the vessel would not have been a good risk with the cargo she was intended to have carried, and gave judgment for the defendants, with costs.

The Attorney General, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr Haylar, instructed by Mr Brereton, for the defendants.

HONG & Co's Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 27th July, 1878.

Arrivals During the Week:—21, Douglas, from Hongkong; 22, James Wilson, from Noumea; 23, China, from Newburgh; 24, Yesso, from Hongkong; 25, Rosebud, from Hongkong; 26, Eleanor, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week:—July 20, Catherine Marden, for Adelaide; 23, Oceania, for Dunedin; 23, Europe, for Shanghai; 24, Douglas, for Hongkong; 24, Countess of Errol, for Dunedin.

Shipping in Port:—Agnes Muir, Prinz Friedrich Carl, Sea Gull, Alice Mary, Oscar Mooyar, Juno, Wandering Minstrel, Rosette McNeil, Menatitan, James Wilson, China, Yesso, Rosebud, Eleanor.

The following items are from the *Singapore Daily Times*:

The British barque *Brisbane*, Captain Hadfield, which arrived here this morning (July 23rd) from Hongkong, reports that, on the 13th instant, he passed through several boxes of tea which turned out to be a portion of the cargo jettisoned by the S. S. *Glamis Castle* on the 30th ultimo. A boat was lowered, and successfully picked up three boxes, all labelled "per *Glamis Castle*."

Miss Eliza May's troupe gave a successful performance, of "The Daughter of the Regiment," before H. E. the Governor, Lady Robinson and a crowded house, for the benefit of Miss May, on Saturday evening (July 20th) in the Town Hall. They will leave for Hongkong in a few days.

The Hon. A. N. Birch, it appears, has resigned his appointment of Colonial Secretary and Lieutenant-Governor of Ceylon for that of Manager of the West End Branch of the

Bank of England in Burlington Gardens, London. The salary of the latter post is said to be about £2,000 a year, but it is no sinecure, for it will be remembered that it was at this Branch, then under the management of Col. Francis, that Bidwell and other American swindlers contrived to pass forged notes to a very large amount several years ago.

As announced on Saturday, our present Colonial Secretary, the Hon. John Douglas, O.M.C., formerly Auditor-General of Ceylon, is Mr Birch's successor. It is promotion to the Honorable gentleman, who will, no doubt, be glad to return to his first love, the "Spicy Isle," where he spent nearly all his Official life, and we congratulate him accordingly, but it is with a very face. Mr Douglas has been here just long enough to get the reins properly in hand, and he is not removed when his services are most efficient. It looks as if Colonies were made for Officials and not Officials for Colonies, and it is to be sincerely hoped that his successor here will be no outsider from Ceylon or elsewhere, but will be selected from the members of our own local service. There are plenty to choose from, of lengthened local experience, of proved capacity, and with undeniable claims to promotion.

There is no truth in the report current in the Square, that Mr Swettenham is to succeed to the Colonial Secretaryship, vice the Hon. J. Douglas promoted, as it is said, he is at present undergoing an extended course of "the polite letter-writer," with a view to passing a successful examination before Michaelmas. We may add that the Hon. the Treasurer has not yet made preparations to occupy the Colonial Secretary's present tenanted by a considerable speculation exists in Official circles as to the successor to the Hon. Mr Douglas, and that heavy bets have been made on the subject, but, notwithstanding two or three favorites, the odds are in favor of a third outsider. A friend informs us that the latest quotations are,—

8 to 2 on.....T. B. [redacted]
2 to 3.....C. J. [redacted]
5 to 1.....H. [redacted]
7 to 4.....A. S. [redacted]
10 to 1.....The Field.

The distinguished author of the "Razor and Smock" is not a candidate for the office.

Seriously, it is said that should one of our present Officials be promoted to the post, the Hon. C. J. Irving stands the best chance, and a better selection could not be made in every respect. Should an outsider be appointed, rumour has it that the Hon. Cecil Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, will receive the post, and he has one merit in his knowledge of Chinese, which he studied as a Cadet. A curious and very pleasant incident is mentioned by the London correspondent of the *Times* of India in connection with the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday in Montreal. In the review of the Canadian Volunteers and British Regulars which took place on the occasion, a battalion of United States Militia took part in it at their own earnest request. They "asked permission to form into line with the British troops for the purpose of joining the *feu de joie* fired in honour of Her Majesty, and in the other manoeuvres of the day."

Some little excitement appears to have been caused in Rangoon on account of the issue of a circular order by the Chief Commissioner of British Burma, Mr. Atkinson, from which the following is an extract:—"The Chief Commissioner regrets to see from the evidence in the case, that both Mr. * and Mr. * have long formed with degrading and immoral connections with the women of the country. With regard to the moral aspect of the matter, the Chief Commissioner has nothing to say that is not better said by each man's conscience, to which the Chief Commissioner is content to leave it. But the matter has a public aspect, and the Chief Commissioner feels it his duty to say that the formation of relations of the kind referred to by officers of Government, is dishonouring to the officers who enter into them, detrimental to their usefulness and efficiency as public servants, and lays them open to influences, or the imputation of influences, which not unfrequently interfere with the administration of justice. In future the Chief Commissioner will not fail to visit, with substantial and severe marks of displeasure, any case of the kind which may come officially before him."

A similar order with reference to the "daughters of Heth" was published by a former Chief Commissioner, General Fyfe, and was resented as an undue interference with their private lives by those officials who kept "improprieties," while it was considered an insult by those who did not so offend, but received a copy of the circular. It seems, moreover, to have had no effect, and it is to be feared that it is hopeless for straitlaced Chief Commissioners to expect that because they are virtuous there shall be no more oaks or ale in the land and that ginger shall no longer be hot in the month. Straitlaced folks apparently cannot understand that people cannot be made moral by acts of Parliament or circular orders, and that there are certain things which, like sleeping dogs, had best be left alone.

CHINESE NOTES.

In speaking of Khivan slaves Vambéry says, "The slave is styled *Dogma*, and his offspring *Khanevad* (house-born). The blench of the captivity to which he has been subjected is only effaced in the third generation." The descendants of slaves and other taboed classes in China are not permitted to compete at the public examinations unless three clear male ancestors intervene between themselves and their tainted ancestor. The above facts, coupled with the judaïc "visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me," are interesting testimony to a custom which is evidently very ancient all over Asia.

Vambéry also observes "the Khan [of Khokand] at his coronation is raised in the air upon a white felt." It is well known that a white felt cap is much worn by the Chinese Mahomedans of the north. The Mahomedans of Kashgar are distinguished in the 回回 or "turbaned," and the 白回 or "white" Mussulmans. Are the 白回 "white" then, the *Ungures* or *Mongols* of

Chinese extraction, and the "turbaned" the indigenous and ancient Asiatic population, which Vambéry asserts extend under the various names of Uzbeg, Sart, Tadjik &c. from Khiva as far as Kámul (half-way between Kashgar and Peking)?

Chinese scholars will be surprised to learn from Vambéry that the Chinese have a proverb—

Bad-ji-du yik-kha-le
Dji-in shik-kha-le.

The meaning is "If you say 'I don't know,' you have done; if you say 'I do,' you must say ten times more to explain what it is." Stripped of its Tartar plume and reduced to character, the proverb evidently is 不知道一個來知道十個來.

Further on the same author says: "To mention another singular usage. Sometimes two, sometimes four days after the nuptials the newly-married couple are separated, and the permanent union does not begin until after the expiration of an entire year." In the Canton Province (and possibly elsewhere in China) a somewhat similar custom exists. The day after the marriage the bride returns to her parents, coming back, however, to her husband on the third day. In some parts of Canton it is stated that even a year is permitted to elapse before the ancient ladies of the girl's family will permit her to return; but this custom, if it exists at all, is purely local.

The subject of marriages in Canton Province is full of interest. Strange mutual support societies are frequently formed by the maidens, who sometimes bind the bride tightly with bandages in order to prevent the consummation of the marriage. The girl conceals a knife or poison about her, and threatens to kill herself if her betrothed should attempt violence.

Again: "It is the practice, in the tent of the departed one, each day for a whole year, without exception, at the same hour that he drew his last breath, for female mourners to chant the customary dirges, in which the members of the family present are expected to join." "The friends of the deceased are also expected to pay a visit of lamentation." "The visitor seats himself before the tent, and by a thrilling yell of fifteen minutes' duration, gives notice that he has performed his last duty towards the defunct."

INQUESTS.

An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital before the Coroner (C. V. Creagh, Esq.), on the bodies of two Chinamen named respectively Wong Ahik, and Chan Ahik. The first committed suicide by cutting his throat, and the second by hanging himself. The following gentlemen comprised the Jury:—Messrs F. R. Stell, M. Peggini, and T. Ide Bowler. In the case of Chan Ahik the enquiry was adjourned until Tuesday 6th instant, no evidence but the doctor's being taken.

The case of Wong Ahik was simply this. The deceased resided near No. 7 Station West Point, and was discovered with his throat cut, a chopper being found lying near his head covered with blood. It appears that the friends of deceased had obtained a burial certificate from the Registrar General's Office, by merely asserting that deceased had died of fever; and had it not been that the coolies refused to remove the body when they found the throat was cut, the police would have known nothing about the matter. As it is, they have no suspicion of foul play, and the only reason that the deceased's relatives appear to have had in saying he died of fever, was either to avoid trouble, or that they had a holy horror of a Coroner's enquiry. The enquiry in this case also was adjourned until Tuesday next, the 6th instant, at 2 past 2 o'clock.

MARINE COURT.

(Before J. P. McEwen, Esq., Acting Harbour Master.)
1st August, 1878.

William Harrison, William Turney, John Francis, Joseph McGrath, and F. Bradford, seamen British barque *Fair Leader*, were charged with refusal of duty.

Mr Henry Wm. Norris, the master, said that he had closed his accounts on Monday last, and had intended proceeding to sea yesterday. The Chief Officer told him that the defendants refused duty and had said they would not proceed to sea in the vessel. The men were called aft and asked their reason for refusing duty. The fifth prisoner became very insolent and made use of improper language. The other four men declined to go to sea in the ship without stating any reason.

In reply to one of the defendants, the Captain said that he had never promised any of the men their discharge.

Mr Phillip Dyer, the Chief Officer, was called, and deposed to the men having refused duty. They gave no reason, he said, but that they wanted their discharge, and that they would do no more work until they had seen the Harbour Master. On the 29th May, whilst the ship was near the Maclefield Bank, the Captain called the Boatwain aft and asked him if he was in the same mind as he was at Singapore—that is, wishing to get his discharge. The Boatwain appeared rather surprised and said, "Yes, wherever you go to, I want to leave the ship." The Captain said, "I will put the ship into Hongkong and will give up command myself and discharge any man that wishes to leave her. I am quite disgusted with the ship and will have nothing more to do with her." A witness

the Captain to proceed on to Yokohama, his destination, but told him that of course he was master of the ship. I told him that we were not the first ship on which the officers and men had been sick, and there was no occasion to put into Hongkong. 1st defendant said that he did not wish to join the ship with Captain Norris; he would go with any other man. There was nothing but trouble in the ship.

2nd defendant said that the Capt. came aft whilst he (defendant) was at the wheel, and began to scratch his head and cry.

The other defendants made similar complaints. They said they had no complaint against the officers, but they had against the Captain.

Defendants were given the option of going on board or going to Gaol for one month, with hard labour; they chose the latter alternative.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"
July 29th, 1878.

SIR,—The "Chinese Notes" which appeared in your issue of the 27th instant, remind me of the word for *Armenia*, viz: 信石.

信石 *Sun shik* (I give the Cantonese sound), and the peculiarity existing in South China in connexion with it. Dr. Williams' Tonic Dictionary tells us it is also called 一言 *yan yan*, which we at once perceive to be an analysis of the word 信 *Sun*. I am informed that if you inquire at a Chinese drug store for *Sun shik*, the answer will be that no such article is sold there, but if you ask for *Yan yan* it may at once be obtained. The observant writer of "Chinese Notes" may perhaps be able to inform us whether this may not arise from the fact that *Sun* is also an unlikely sound, connected as it is with the character 訊 meaning "to wrangle, accuse, &c." A collection of such curiosities would certainly be interesting to readers in general, but especially to those who give their time to linguistic studies.

May I offer another example in connexion with the phrase "how is your poor nose?" The Cantonese have a slang phrase, "K'u mo ni ke," i.e., "He has no nose"—rubbing the nose at the same time; the colloquial and the action of the hand doing duty for the word "no." The meaning is "He does not drink wine," but a Chinese once gave me an illustration of a use of the phrase which I give in conclusion. Mr. A. has a marriageable daughter, and Mr. B. a son in search of a suitable lady. But Miss A. is minus a prominent member in the region of the eyes, a fact well known to Mr. C, a friend. These three worthies happen to meet, and as negotiations are being entered into, Mr. C. rubs his nose, and says: "K'u mo ni ke," to which Mr. B. glances to find a young lady who will not drink away his son's income, replies, she will suit them, first rate, and hurries home to gladden the heart of his son. The long-expected day dawns at last, the bridegroom meets his beloved, and hastens to remove the only obstacle between himself and the object of his warm affection. But alas! crest-fallen and angry he turns to his father, and reveals the awful fact, "she has no nose." Of course Mr. B. is enraged beyond bounds, and no sooner meets C, than he begins upbraiding him for his deception. "My good friend," replies C, "I told you before 'K'u mo ni ke.'"

Yours obediently,
X. Y. Z.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"
Hongkong, August 1st.

SIR,—You were not very far wrong as regards bolts and prickly heat as far as I am concerned. But I feel sure that, by your continuing to insert such intimations as I have referred to, many of your readers will suffer from similar complaints.

You are apparently not aware that one of your own staff—the Police Court reporter—must have been laid up with boils and prickly heat, and perhaps from the bites of mosquitoes also, when you give the report of a case, as if it had come on before the Court on the 31st ultimo, but which had been heard some ten days ago, and to the credit of our able junior Magistrate be said, disposed of without being remanded. I refer to the case headed "Assault and Threatening."

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"
Hongkong, August 1st.

SIR,—Isn't it amusing to find youngsters enjoying the first hearing of Joe Miller's "jokes"? Also some of their criticisms? More than forty years ago, when the *Penny Magazine* and the *Saturday Magazine* were the only and scantily illustrated papers in existence, there was in them an illustration of a female, dressed in Indian costume and sitting apparently without support in air, her right wrist resting on a small and apparently most inefficient support. At the same exhibition men poked swords down their throats and others checked any number of knives (supposed to be sharp), in various gyrations through the air, catching them by the handles.

Memoriam and biology came on the stage long after, and the wonders of electricity were then hidden to us now revealed. A mystery existed there, and I have not heard of any philosopher having unravelled it.

Perhaps a "Young Thespian" can.

How to TEACH YOUR GRAMMAR TO SUEK EGGS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"
Hongkong, August 1st, 1878.

SIR,—If a "Young Thespian" is a son of "Old Thespian" I am rather surprised at the coolness with which he attempts to criticize anything in Hongkong after the drubbing his respected sire got, and which he (the young 'un) is likely also to get unless he strikes above the belt. Poor Thespian! So you were taken in 20 years ago in the spiritual business. Never mind, there has been many with wiser heads than yours who have been taken in also. I don't think, however, many of them took 20 years to recover.

I am sure the Hongkong public are deeply grateful to Young Thespian for his information about its being a trick; it will I am sure fill them with admiration of his "guiness and originality." Won't the "Old 'un" be proud of you?

As far as Dr. Silvester's performance is concerned, the good house he draws every night he entertains, is, at this, our hottest season, a proof of itself as to the quality of the performance—and it is rarely, we in

the East, get the opportunity of witnessing the graceful figures so admirably portrayed by Miss Silvester, in the suspension scenes, attitudes which, for grace and beauty can hardly be surpassed.

Ta, Ta, "Young Thespian," remember me kindly to the Pater.

Yours &c.,
K. A. T. E.

THE SEVENTY-FOUR INTELLIGENT CHINESE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"
August 1, 1878.

SIR,—His Excellency the Governor says he agrees with the general principles which the memorialists have put before him in the matter of building Chinese houses in Hongkong. As far as I can read in the memorial the two leading principles appear to be,—1st, that houses ill ventilated and built after the fashion of those at Fatahan, and Canton are quite as healthy if not healthier than houses constructed with good means of ventilation; 2nd, that investment in land must be made profitable. In the first place, I think it would be well to inquire who and what manner of men are the seventy-four who signed the memorial. Are they people acquainted with the principles of sanitation? do they know or can they possibly know, as much or nearly as much, as the Surveyor General upon a subject which requires a good deal of special knowledge, training and experience? or are they simply, do you think, respectable house owners, builders, and such like who very naturally wish to make the most of their property? I incline to think they are the latter, and that the true motive which agitates the bosoms of these worthy citizens is to be found in the second general principle above referred to, and which I interpret to mean that investment in land must be made as profitable as possible. Now I contend that all matters which affect or are likely to affect the health of the inhabitants of a British Colony, whether those inhabitants be of Chinese or any other nationality, should certainly be regulated in conformity with the teachings of European Science. I cannot believe that His Excellency thinks Chinese theories of ventilation are better for the health of the public, even of the Chinese public, than those of Mr Price, whose scientific attainments are well known. Now there is one thing strikes me as having been entirely lost sight of by His Excellency, namely the comfort and well-being of the hundreds or may be thousands, of the poor, who by the memorialists' own admission, are going to live in the houses in question. The memorialists say, windows in the proposed alleys would be kept closed. It is my belief that poor Chinese like fresh air as much as anybody if they can get it. They close their windows in winter as all poor people do, in all parts of the world, who cannot afford heavy clothing and plenty of food, but I deny that they would keep them closed in summer. Witness the large numbers of poor Chinese whose windows are wide open day and night and who are only too delighted to go out during the cool of the evening into the open spaces about the town. I think in connexion with this matter it would be well if His Excellency were to inquire of the Colonial Surgeon what he thinks of ventilation in the houses of the poor, and I think he might also make a very pertinent inquiry of the memorialists themselves, at what rate of interest per annum they consider Chinese property is a profitable investment.

Yours truly,
AIR.

Japan.

(Mail.)

On Saturday evening last the annual opening of the Sumida river took place. The term which is used to designate this ceremony perhaps requires some explanation. By the Japanese it is called *Yu sutsuni no kawa biraki*, meaning "the opening of the river for enjoying the cool of the evening," and at the commencement of the season of the joyable custom of woeing the cool breeze on the river after the sun has set. During the Shogunate this ceremony was of a very imposing nature. The large, gaily painted and gilded state barges of the *Daimais*, brilliantly illuminated with variously coloured lanterns and filled with gay company, formed a procession on the river, and not infrequently the Shogun himself was present in his barge. Of music and dancing there was plenty, and fireworks were from time to time discharged from these barges, while the gay spectacle attracted thousands of spectators of all ranks and ages, who thronged the river in numerous boats, of various descriptions, adding to the brilliancy of scene by the lanterns with which the small craft were illuminated. In those times the day fixed for the "opening" of the river was looked upon as a red letter day by the residents of Yedo, and was observed by all as a holiday. But after the Restoration the ceremony was deprived of much of its effect. Year by year it fell off, and when the *Daimais* ceased to exist, the state barges of the feudal chiefs were no more seen on the river. The custom now owes its existence to the proprietors of the tea-houses in the neighbourhood of the display of fireworks that takes place, and who probably of spectators who are attracted by the pyrotechnic show and the crowds of pleasure boats that dot the river. Story-tellers hire boats for the evening and energetically ply their calling among the pleasure seekers, while vendors of commodities of all sorts take every advantage of the occasion, it being significant of the changes that have lately taken place in this country, that numerous boats are seen moving about in every direction bearing a lantern with characters on it pointing out that the owner has ice for sale. This year there was a greater falling off than ever of boats on the river and spectators at the tea-houses and booths on the banks, but this may be attributed to a great measure to the unsettled state of the weather, in consequence of which a repetition of the ceremony will probably take place before the summer is over.

The Imperial College of Engineering (*Kobu-dai-gakko*), Tokio, was officially opened on the 16th instant by H. I. M. the Emperor, in presence of the Princes of the Imperial Blood, the Prime Ministers Sanjo and Iwakura, the *Seiji*, the Ministers of Departments with their Secretaries, and a large number of other Japanese and foreign gentlemen. It is hardly necessary to say that this was only the "official" opening of the institution, the College having been open for work, as our readers know, for some years.

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

A Malay fisherman captured a live Alligator, about 12 feet long, yesterday morning, about 6 miles from the Straits. Batlu Belyhar in about three fathoms of water. The capture was very skilfully made by the fisherman, who was out shrimp-catching, by means of a noose fastened to a long bamboo. The Alligator is now at the Central Police Station, and will be sent to the Museum.

Two Europeans, a boatswain and an able seaman, arrived here on Saturday about 9 p.m. in a Malay prahu, and brought news that the British barque *Empress*, of Sunderland, which left here on the 14th instant with a cargo of planks bound to Mauritius, was ashore on Table Island, Gaspar Straits, drifted to it during a squall. The passengers and crew were landed on the island. The natives are reported to be hostile, and the vessel is said to be a total wreck. The *Royalist* was despatched yesterday evening to render assistance.

An attempt to land a large quantity of contraband chandoo was made on the morning of the 20th ult. at Rochore District, but owing to the vigilance of the Police, the drug was seized and the intending importers arrested before a landing was effected. It appears that information was given at the Rochore Station on the previous evening that a quantity of chandoo from Dutch Territory would be brought ashore during the night. Inspector Champ, in consequence, directed all the boats to keep on the alert, especially the Marine Police attached to the district. Nothing occurred during the night, but about 3.30 a.m. a sampan containing two men was observed making for the landing steps at Clyde Terrace as noiselessly as possible. On the Police Boat pulling towards her she turned round and pulled away from the shore. Their suspicions being aroused, the Police pulled up alongside her, jumped into her, and, on making search, found 55 tins of Chandoo stowed away under rice bags and mats in the bottom of the boat, which they brought to Rochore Station. The Opium Farm in Beach Road was speedily communicated with, and the Revenue Officer on arrival declared the chandoo to be contraband, its amount to be 95 tins, and its value to be \$1,312. Such an amount of chandoo has not been seized for many years back, if ever.

Friday, the 12th instant, appears to have been a gala day in Penang on which the residents made general holiday to celebrate the opening of the Frye River Docks.

"The docks," says the *Standard*, "at present is 240 feet in length, (but may be increased by 10 feet, the end being left open for that purpose), by 45 feet wide across the 'caisson,' and 60 feet inside between the edges of the shoring platform. At ordinary spring tides it has a depth of 14 feet of water. The dock is pumped dry by a horizontal engine of 300 horse power, working two centrifugal pumps of 10 inches bore, which are capable of throwing up about 6,000 gallons per minute, emptying the dock in about 8 hours, when it contains no vessel. The foundation upon which vessels rest is composed of sheet piles from one end of the dock to the other with transverse and longitudinal beams of hard wood, 12 inches square, finished on the top with concrete. The intervening spaces are about 2 feet apart, and a second horizontal engine for turning the heavy machinery, which will be capable of boring out propellers and cylinders, and turning up crank and propeller shafts. The boiler making and iron ship repairing department will, we understand, be carried out on a very extensive scale. The proprietors also intend undertaking forgings for the largest steamers and sugar factories."

Lieut. E. F. Rhodes, R.E., who has been commissioned to act under Lieut. MacCallum, in preparing the defences of Singapore, arrived here on Sunday last by the S. S. *Strathmore*, from England. Lieut. Rhodes was accompanied by five privates of the Royal Engineers and brought with him a quantity of torpedoes.

In the Supreme Court, yesterday, a Chinese cashier in the employ of Messrs. Lind, Asmus & Co. was put upon his trial on a charge of embezzling the sum of \$7,029.50, the property of his employers.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, August 1, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$595 a 597½
" credit, ..
" Old Patna, cash, None
" credit, ..
" New Benares, cash, 567½ a 570
" credit, ..
" Old Benares, cash, None
" credit, ..
" New Malwa, cash, 705
" credit, 800
" Allowance, Teela, 4 a 8

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/9
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/8
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/10½
Credits, ... 3/10½
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/10½
Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 82½
Calcutta, ... 82½
Shanghai, demand, ... 78½
" 30 days, ... 78½
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. S., ... 107½
Sycee, ... 8
Mexicans, ... 16 1/2
Gold Leaf, ... 26.80
English Sovereigns, ... 6.21

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank, 80 p. prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,850
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,420, ex div.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 655
Chinese Insurance Co., \$290
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,080
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$850
China Fire Ins. Co., \$240
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 16 p. prem.
H.K. O. & M. S. Dock Co., 33 p. prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 21
Hongkong Gas Co., \$90
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$87
China Sugar Refining Co., \$42 p. prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$103.10/
Do, of 1877, \$107.

Temperatures.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, August 1, 1878.

Barometer—9 A.M. ... 29.850
Do, 1 P.M. ... 29.816
Do, 4 P.M. ... 29.800
Thermometer—8 A.M. ... 85
Do, 1 P.M. ... 86
Do, 4 P.M. ... 88
Do, (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 80
Do, Do, 1 P.M. 80
Do, Do, 4 P.M. 80
Do, Maximum ... 88
Do, Minimum ... 82
Do, Minimum over night 82

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 3rd August, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. ANADYR, Commandant MOREAU, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 2nd August, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
H. DU POUEY, Agent.
Hongkong, July 23, 1878. au3

Occidental & Oriental Steam Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 6th August, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.
Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 5th August. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
A Reduction is made on RETURN PARCEL TICKETS.
For further information as to Freight on Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMERY, Agent.
Hongkong, July 17, 1878. au5



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London direct, Also, Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship SURAT, Captain G. C. BURNES, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 10th August, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, July 23, 1878. au10

Intimations.

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HOURS FOR SITTING: EVERY DAY FROM 7 TILL 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

MR. H. SCHÜREN respectfully requests all Persons desirous to have their Portraits, to notice well the earlier hours for sitting, as the only means to obtain, during the present Season, those fine half tint and details so much admired, especially in White Dresses. Photos taken after 10 o'clock a.m. cannot be guaranteed to be to every satisfaction.

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Intimations.

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HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, JR., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$31,700,000
Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.
For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

THE above has pleasure to inform the public of Hongkong that he has obtained the assistance of Mr. Griffith (for many years manager and principal operator to Mr. Saunders of Shanghai), and having carefully arranged the light of his New Studio and secured the newest and best appliances for obtaining the highest excellence in his work, he is now ready to produce all the Latest Novelties in Photographic Portraiture.—A large and varied Assortment of Views always ready. Superior Enlargements made at shortest notice.
STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, July 9, 1878.

NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A FIFTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO AND ONE-HALF TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on 6th July, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 15th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 15th July, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.
Shanghai, July 4, 1878. au10

Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.
JAS. B. COUGHTRY, Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

NORTH-BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
GILMAN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENT in Hongkong for the above named Company, is prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$10,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.
Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.
J. Y. VERNON SHAW, Agent.
Hongkong, April 1, 1878.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.
MELOHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives, up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

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Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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Directors.
KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.
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HO HAI, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.
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LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.
CHEUNG SING YONG, Merchant.
CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on BUILDINGS and on GOODS stored therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to DISCOUNT of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West.
Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au23

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE....." 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND....." 104,000
Total Capital and accumulations this date.....Tls. 754,000

Directors:
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. P. EVANS, Esq., O. LUCAS, Esq., C. KREBS, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.

Secretaries:
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.
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POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.
Subject to a charge of 1% for interest on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1878. ocl

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.
OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, April 27, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Padder's Wharf.
6. From Padder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Adria	h	Stewart	Brit.	str. 781	July 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Bombay	
Alverton	h	Darnell	Brit.	str. 1086	July 23	Meyer & Co.		Ab'deen Dock
Anadyr	h	Morseau	Foh.	str. 2561	July 31	Messageries Maritimes	Marseilles, &c.	Mail, 3rd inst.
Argentino	h	Barnett	Brit.	str. 916	April 22	Turner & Co.	Foochow	3rd inst.
Bellona	h	abrens	Ger.	str. 789	July 31	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Saigon	
Bombay	h		Brit.	str. 749	Feb. 12	K'wak Acheong		Laid up
Cannes	h		Brit.	str. 95	Oct. 2	K'wak Acheong		
Charlton	h	Johnson	Brit.	str. 786	July 17	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	3rd inst.
Douglas	h	Pittman	Brit.	str. 861	July 27	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-day
Fame	h	Stopani	Brit.	str. 117		H. K. & W'pos Dock Co.		Tug Flying
Fitzpatrick	h	Humphries	Brit.	str. 597	April 18	Geo Chong Hong		K'loon Dock
Hesperia	h	Paulsen	Ger.	str. 1036	July 26	Siemens & Co.		
Karo	h	Colling	Brit.	str. 979	July 27	Meyer & Co.		
Kienchow	h		Brit.	str.		Kwok Acheong		
Kjohenhavn	h	Grove	Dan.	str. 701	July 22	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Leyte	h	Rinteria	Span.	str. 331	July 30	Russell & Co.		Mail, 3rd inst.
Lorne	h	McClulloch	Brit.	str. 1035	July 1	Melchers & Co.	Bangkok	Ab'deen Dock
Madagascar	h	Emm	Ger.	str. 884	July 24	Siemens & Co.	S'apora and Penang	
Madras	h	Richardson	Brit.	str. 1079	June 30	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Nagasaki, &c.	
Mayenne	h	Boysen	Dan.	str. 778	July 28	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Norden	h	Walker	Brit.	str. 606	June 28	Kwok Acheong		
Norna	h	Metcalfe	Brit.	str. 8700	July 20	O. & S. S. Co.	Y'ama & S. F'elco	8th inst.
Oceanic	h	Gil	Span.	str. 402	July 15	Remedios & Co.	Manila	K'loon Dock
Paragua	h	Sergeant	Brit.	str. 1014	July 22	Kwong Wing Shun	S'apora and Penang	3rd inst.
Rajasthanian	h	Hopkins	Brit.	str. 938	July 24	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	Sa'de Slip
Sa Gull	h	Roberts	Amar.	str. 48	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Strathleven	h	Pearson	Brit.	str. 1588	July 31	Davis & Co.	Yokohama	K'loon Dock
Tanaka	h	Marcelle	Foh.	str. 1735	July 31	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Thales	h	Pocock	Brit.	str. 878	July 4	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	at daylight
Yangtze	h	Schultze	Brit.	str. 782	June 28	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Yesso	h	S. Ashton	Brit.	str. 580	July 31	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Shanghai	
Yungching	h	Wallace	Chi.	str. 661	Aug. 1	C. M. S. N. Co.	Haiphong	
Zamboanga	h	Aranguren	Span.	str. 651	July 29	Landstein & Co.		
Sailing Vessels								
Albert Russell	h	Carver	Amer.	bge. 762	July 15	Russell & Co.		
Alce D. Cooper	h	Humphrey	Amer.	sh. 1363	July 21	Captain		
Alva	h	Souza	Port.	sh. 631	July 16	Brandao & Co.	London	
Annie Lowry	h	Gales	Brit.	bge. 762	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Callao	
Anton Gunther	h	Kuhn	Ger.	bge. 440	July 14	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	Sourabaya	Wanchai Pier
Arcola	h	Penery	Brit.	bge. 947	April 24	Carlowitz & Co.		
Athens	h	Findlay	Brit.	bge. 605	July 15	Horne Company, Limited		
B. von Middelburg	h	Blanker	Dutch	bge. 628	June 17	Siemens & Co.		
Bertie Bigelow	h	Ferguson	Brit.	sh. 1142	July 28	Meyer & Co.		
Bua Cao	h	Lange	Slam.	bge. 888	July 28	Yuen Fat Hong		
Bua Pan	h	Möller	Slam.	sh. 574	July 29	Kin-ye-long		
C. L. Pearson	h	Swain	Amer.	bge. 664	June 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Channel Queen	h	Lelecheur	Brit.	bge. 609	June 11	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
Charlotte Andrews	h	Place	Brit.	bge. 856	June 19	Rosario & Co.		
Charon Wattana	h	Ulrich	Slam.	sh. 565	July 22	Chinese		
Chester	h	Cromwell	Amer.	sch. 188	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Corrientes	h	Jones	Brit.	bge. 698	Aug. 2	Olyphant & Co.		
Cresswell	h	White	Brit.	bge. 464	July 29	Wielor & Co.		
Dirigo	h	Staples	Amer.	bge. 684	July 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	Cleared
Fair Leader	h	Morris	Brit.	bge. 487	June 18	Russell & Co.	Yokohama	
Fontenay	h	aylor	Brit.	sh. 635	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Callao	
Frederick	h	Kernode	Ger.	sh. 908	May 30	Norton & Co.	Newchwang	
Frederick	h	Dad	Ger.	bge. 594	May 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Galah	h	Denzau	Slam.	bge. 542	July 11	Chinese		
Highlander	h	Hutchinson	Amer.	sh. 1352	June 19	Captain		
Hiram Emery	h	Wyman	Amer.	bge. 709	July 12	Russell & Co.		
Hopeful	h	Doucastor	Brit.	sch. 216	July 14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Foochow	
Jean Piere	h	Legasse	Foh.	bge. 607	June 18	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Honolulu	
Jessie Jamieson	h	West	Brit.	bge. 604	July 29	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	San Francisco	Coast Dock
Josephus	h	Rogers	Amer.	sh. 1470	July 15	Russell & Co.	Quinhon	Cleared
Julie	h	Launay	Foh.	bge. 504	July 6	Carlowitz & Co.		
Kate Tatham	h	Pickethly	Brit.	bge. 276	July 4	Adamson, Bell & Co.	London	
Kenton	h	Colvin	Brit.	bge. 667	June 3	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Landseer	h	Knowles	Amer.	sh. 1418	July 23	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Lodore	h	Jones	Brit.	sh. 860	June 19	Meyer & Co.		
Lottie Moore	h	Judson	Amer.	bge. 880	July 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Madeleine	h	Pateau	Foh.	bge. 416	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Marquis of Argyll	h	McKesson	Brit.	bge. 500	June 26	Rosario & Co.		
Marie Louise	h	Guiboux	Foh.	bge. 684	July 18	Carlowitz & Co.		
Mary Blair	h	Riddle	Brit.	bge. 828	July 16	O. & S. S. Co.		
McNair	h	Taylor	Amer.	sh. 1308	July 22	Butterfield & Swire		
Mercur	h	Borgwardt	Ger.	bge. 489	July 11	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Buenos Ayres	
Morning Star	h	Michaelson	Slam.	bge. 570	July 30	Chinese		
Moss Glen	h	Garson	Brit.	bge. 549	May 28	Landstein & Co.	London	
Nyassa	h	Garriock	Brit.	sh. 739	May 16	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Callao	
Oscar	h	Windhorst	Ger.	bge. 735	July 29	Melchers & Co.		
Penrith	h	Worington	Brit.	bge. 549	July 12	Meyer & Co.		
Per Ardua	h	Taggart	Brit.	bge. 789	June 14	Meyer & Co.		
Phaeton	h	Scheel	Brit.	bge. 576	July 12	Wielor & Co.		
Philip Fitzpatrick	h	Phelan	Amer.	bge. 638	July 14	Chinese		
Philippine	h	outhwood	Brit.	bge. 301	July 14	Wielor & Co.		
Prince Amadeo	h	Linsell	Brit.	sh. 1602	July 30	Messageries Maritimes		
Queen of the Sea	h	Moore	Brit.	str. 1329	July 29	Olyphant & Co.		
Rebecca	h	Harvey	Ger.	bge. 442	July 12	order		
Rideman	h	Thomson	Ger.	bge. 258	July 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
S. Vaughan	h	Bushop	Brit.	bge. 718	June 3	Rosario & Co.		
San Francisco	h	Porter	Brit.	sh. 940	July 26	order		
Sarah Bell	h	Lamcken	Ger.	sch. 284	July 18	Siemens & Co.	Ptintain	P. & O. W.
Silas Fish	h	Ditchburn	Amer.	bge. 8	July 16	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Sir Charles Napier	h	Williams	Amer.	bge. 702	May 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Sir Harry Parkes	h	French	Brit.	sh. 1181	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Sontag	h	Chapman	Brit.	sh. 816	May 27	Meyer & Co.	London	
Sumatra	h	Simmons	Amer.	bge. 1004	June 21	Meyer & Co.	Hollo	Cleared
Summer M. Read	h	O'ough	Amer.	sh. 1090	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.		
Ta Hong Kong	h	Dixon	Amer.	sh. 1117	July 16	Insurance Company		
Teodora	h	Bythmann	Slam.	sh. 636	July 3	Yuen Fat Hong		
The Tweed	h	Lopez	Span.	bge. 627	July 14	Russell & Co.		
Thoon Kramom	h	Bice	Brit.	str. 1745	July 15	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Tokates	h	Vorrath	Slam.	bge. 474	July 29	Siemens & Co.	Victoria (V.I.)	To-day
Tyburnia	h	Harlison	Brit.	bge. 865	June 2	Rosario & Co.		
	h	Golder	Brit.	bge. 948	June 19	Olyphant & Co.		
WHAMPOA								
Chocool	h	Kennett	Brit.	bge. 284	July 20	Chinese	Chetoo	
St. Ideon	h	Durand	Foh.	bge. 388	July 24	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Tartar	h	Kaemena	Ger.	bge. 256	July 20	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
Vesta	h	Dirks	Ger.	bge. 802		Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
CANTON								
Amoy	h	Peters	Brit.	str. 814	July 31	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	